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Hepburn and Dundas,

Have for sale, at the late store of the said Hepburn in King-street, a very general assortment of European GOODS suitable to the present and ensuing season, which they will sell reasonable, by wholesale or retail for cash, bills of exchange or country produce; among them are the following articles, viz.

SUPERFINE and common broadcloths, Bath coatings, bearskins, duffils, Negro cottons of different colours, striped and rose blankets, rugs, printed velvets, corduroys, corded dimities, thicksets, jeans, fustians, shalloons, durants, tammies, calamancoes, an assortment of metal buttons and trimmings of various kinds, chintzes, stamped cottons and linens, scarlet cardinals, mens' and womens' silk, worsted, thread and cotton stockings, silk, kenting, lawn, gauze and check handkerchiefs, black modes, ribbons, sewing silk, silk mitts and gloves, mens' and womens' leather gloves, womens' stays, fine and coarse ¼, ⅜ and yard-wide Irish linens, Russia sheetings, 6-4 and ⅞ checks, striped hollands, black and white silk and thread lace, black silk bonnets, ladies' fans, horn and ivory combs, stitching and Scotch threads, coloured ditto, bedtickings, bedbunts, silver and common sleeve-buttons, 4, 4½ and 5 pound pins, mens' and boys' fine and coarse hats, spectacles, an assortment of religious and historical books, spelling-books, testaments, a very neat edition of Salmon's grammar and Bailey's dictionary, osnaburgs, bagging, brushes, sifters, mens' and womens' saddles, ditto whips, curb and snaffle bridles, saddle-cloths, girths, mens' and womens' leather shoes, childrens' red Morocco ditto, mens' fine and coarse boots, bed-cords, trace-ropes, Leiper's snuff in bottles, china, queen's ware, stone jugs, copper tea-kettles and coffee-pots, an assortment of pewter, pewter table and tea spoons, powder and shot, brass cocks, plated, pinchbeck and common shoe and knee buckles, candles in boxes with locks and keys, broad and narrow hoes, shovels, hammers, augers, gimblets, pinchers, 4d. 8d. 10d. 12d. and 20d. nails, spikes, steel plate and common handsaws, hand and whip saw files, locks and hinges of various kinds, and-irons, frying-pans, iron pots and Dutch ovens, a general assortment of cutlery, a few hogsheads of good Jamaica spirits, West-India rum, pepper, bohea tea, loaf sugar, bar-iron, and a few hampers of best London porter.—They expect to receive by the first vessels from Europe a very general assortment of goods suitable to the approaching season, which they will be enabled to sell on very reasonable terms.

☞ Said Hepburn has a few LOTS of GROUND on the Ferry-wharf, to let on ground-rent for ever.

*** Said Dundas will rent the HOUSE and LOT now in the tenure of Mr. Patrick Murray, and the store thereunto adjoining with two neat back rooms, a good loft, a cellar under the whole, and has lately been completely repaired and painted, and possession will be given on the first of November.—Also, the Store in the house where he now lives, of which immediate possession will be given.

Alexandria, August 8, 1785.

STRAYED or stolen from the commons of Alexandria, about the 16th of June last, a BLACK HORSE, about 14 hands high, 6 or 7 years old, no brand to be seen, with a little white under his foretop, newly shod, a small lump on his back hurt by a saddle, a natural pacer, heavy mane and tail, the hair cut on the top of his head, crooked hind legs, and he will not stand by the bridle.—Whoever takes up said horse and brings him to JACOB MOOR, Constable in Alexandria, shall receive ONE GUINEA reward, or the same reward if delivered to the Widow PRICE, paid by MARY EVANS on Little-River, Loudon County.

August 8, 1785.

RUM,

Of an excellent Quality, made and sold by the Hogshead or larger Quantity, cheap for Cash or Country Produce.

WILLIAM LYLES and COMPANY.

Alexandria, May 17, 1785.

ALL those indebted to Mr. JOHN KLEINHOFF, late of Alexandria, for dealings in his stores in Prince-William and this Town, are desired to pay their respective balances to the Subscribers, who are legally authorized to receive the same.—So little attention has been paid to former advertisements on this subject, we shall only now observe, that the necessity of finally closing this business will justify our putting it in the hands of a lawyer in one month from this date.

JAMES HENDRICKS, } Assignees.
DANIEL GRAY, }

Alexandria, August 9, 1785.

THE Subscriber having entered into Partnership with JOHN DUNDAS, wishes to have all his private accounts settled as soon as possible, he therefore requests all those that are indebted to him to make immediate settlement of the same; and those who have any demands against him are desired to bring in their accounts and receive payment.—He returns his sincere thanks to those who have been pleased to favor him with their custom, and hopes his conduct will ever merit a continuance of their favors.

WILLIAM HEPBURN.

Alexandria, August 8, 1785.

WHEREAS Mr. DESKIN TEBBS, of Shenandoah County, is in possession of a bond of mine for £.225, whereof £.75 was payable the first of May last, and the remainder the first of January 1786; which bond was obtained from me on account of the purchase of a tract of land shewed to me by the said Tebbs, previous to my entering into the bargain with him: And whereas it since appears that the said Deskin Tebbs is not himself possessed of the land he shewed me and which I bargained for, but of a small part of it only, and therefore has it not in his power to make me a conveyance according to the true intent of our agreement: I do therefore forewarn all persons from taking an assignment of my said bond, as I am determined not to pay it, because of Mr. Tebbs's inability to convey to me the same land he shewed me at the time of our agreement, and for the purchase of which the said bond was given.

ROBERT BROWN.

Prince-William County,
August 4, 1785.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living 5 miles from Bladensburg, a Negro Wench, about 22 years of age, named MARIA, about 5 feet high, well made, remarkable large legs and hips, when she went away gave suck, and had a small scar on one of her temples: She had on an old Negro cotton petticoat, and a coarse linen shift.—Whoever takes up the said Negro Wench, and secures her so that her owner may get her again, shall receive EIGHT DOLLARS reward from JOSEPH POPE.

Prince-George's County,
July 29, 1785.

ALL persons indebted to JOHN DUNDAS and COMPANY, either by bond, note, or book account, are desired to pay their respective debts to WILLIAM NICHOLS, or his order, who is fully authorised to receive the same; and all persons having claims against the said Company are desired to apply as above for payment.

JOHN DUNDAS.

Alexandria, August 3, 1785.

ALL persons indebted to JOHN DUNDAS and COMPANY, either by bond, note or book account are desired to pay their respective debts to JAMES HENDRICKS, Esq; and all persons having claims against the said JOHN DUNDAS and COMPANY, are desired to apply to Mr. HENDRICKS, for payment, who is fully authorised to adjust all matters belonging to the Company.

WILLIAM NICHOLS.

Alexandria, August 3, 1785.

FOR SALE,

MEDICINES in large or small assortments, suited for the supply of practising physicians, or of private families: To recommend the quality of which, as well as the moderate rates at which they are sold by the Subscriber, he relies on the experience of those who have heretofore had dealings with him in that way, since his supplies have been procured regularly by importation from Europe subsequent to the peace.

WILLIAM BROWN.

Alexandria, August 11, 1785.

Randle Mitchell and Son,

Have for sale at their store on Fairfax-street, opposite the Court-House, which they will sell low for cash or country produce,

JAMAICA spirits, Antigua rum, best New-England ditto, molasses, Madera wine of the best quality, port wine, Teneriff ditto, loaf sugar, brown sugar, green and bohea teas, pepper, allspice, china, glass and queen's ware, window glass, nails, steel, shot and gunpowder, with a general assortment of DRY GOODS.

Alexandria, August 8, 1785.

To be sold at Public Vendue, on the 25th of August next, at the house of Peter Catlett, in Frederick County, near Col. Martin's,

SUNDRY articles belonging to the estate of RICHARD RIGG, deceased, amongst which are a well chosen collection of BOOKS on various subjects, viz. divinity, science and history; likewise, a surveyor's compass, mathematical instruments, a spy-glass, microscope, hydrometer, barometer and many other articles too tedious to mention.—The sale to begin at 10 o'clock, where due attendance will be given by

JOHN M'COOLE, Executor.

July 20, 1785.

N. B. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to come and discharge the same; and all that have unsettled accounts to come and settle them.

THE Partnership between LOWRY and M'KENNA being this day dissolved by mutual consent, it is earnestly requested that all those who stand indebted to this house make immediate payment, especially those whose accounts are more than three months on their books.

Mr. Lowry proposing shortly to embark for England in order to bring over a spring assortment, offers his services to his friends in the commission line, and hopes his conduct will merit the thanks of those who employ him.

☞ A few cases of *excellent* old port for sale, at the store, next door to Mr. Henry Lyles's.

Alexandria, June 21, 1785.

STRAYED or stolen from the Subscriber, on the 29th of last July, a BAY MARE, nine years old, 14 hands and a half high, paces and trots, has a little white on one of the hind legs, a star in her forehead and is branded thus B on the shoulder, and B on the buttock.—Whoever takes up said mare and brings her to me, shall have TEN DOLLARS reward, besides reasonable charges paid by

BOSTON MARCH.

Rockingham County, August 1, 1785.

LONDON, June 18.

NOTWITHSTANDING the ſilence of the foreign mails, and the conſequent doubt ariſing as to the termination of the affair of the Scheldt, there is circumſtantial proof enough that no war, but peace, muſt be the probable iſſue. For how elſe, is the apparent conduct of the Emperor reconcilable with his known character, which is all promptitude, deciſion, and vigor.

The connection between the Courts of Portugal and Spain by marriage has obviouſly one good agreement, which matches of this ſort too commonly fail in, the contracting parties being virtually of the ſame country, with no other local difference than of mere diſtrict and dialect.

Whether the abovementioned marriage may lead to any national revolution or re-union between the two kingdoms, is a remote conſideration. It is however not a remote nor an improbable hope, that the predominance of Portugueſe politics in favor of Britain may be of ſome material utility in our treaty now negociating with the Court of Madrid.

Some diſagreeable accounts are ſaid to have been received reſpecting the behaviour of the Indians upon the frontiers of Canada, in conſequence of which ſeveral forts will be erected upon the heights, where there have been, for ſome time paſt, only a few fortifications thrown up. The natives were, previous to the American war, moſt ſtedfaſt friends to England.

Extract of a letter from Dublin, June 1.

"Yeſterday Mr. Thomas Carey, who was ſuppoſed to be the Printer of the Volunteer's Journal, in Auguſt laſt, was tried on two indictments, for high treaſon, in the Court of King's Bench, before Lord Earlsfort, the Chief Juſtice, and his brethren the Honorable Mr. Juſtice Robertſon, Mr. Juſtice Henn, and Sir Samuel Bradſtreet, Bart.

"The firſt indictment ſtated, that the ſaid Thomas Carey did print and publiſh, in the Volunteer's Journal, on the 25th of Auguſt laſt, a letter ſigned H. Murray; and the ſecond indictment ſtated, that he did alſo, on the 30th day of Auguſt aforeſaid, print and publiſh the ſame letter again. Counſeller Hewit ſtated the indictment, and the Attorney-General the caſe.

"The firſt witneſs on behalf of the proſecution was Bryan Rorke, one of the workmen on the ſaid paper; and it having appeared by his evidence, that the priſoner was in the County of Kilkenny ſeveral weeks before and after the ſaid ſeveral publications; the Court and Jury were, after many learned arguments, on behalf of the proſecution, unanimouſly of opinion, that the priſoner ought to be acquitted of indictments as laid againſt him. He was ordered to give bail for his good behaviour for ſeven years, which he inſtantly did, and thereupon was diſcharged."

[Another paper repreſents, that Mr. Carey was fully and honorably acquitted.]

Extract of a letter from Belfaſt, June 5.

"In my laſt I informed you that Portugal had at length admitted the manufactures of Ireland on the ſame terms as the Britiſh. This will bring back the wines of Portugal to their former duties in this country; the additional duty of 30l. per ton laid on Portugal and Madera wines this ſeſſion by our Parliament having been conditional, till the Court of Portugal would receive our manufactures purſuant to treaties."

Extract of a letter from Paris, June 3.

"Dr. Franklin, having ſeen his ſucceſſor inſtalled in his diplomatic functions, is preparing to return to Philadelphia. As he cannot bear the fatigue of a carriage, he will embark on the Seine, which runs before his houſe at Paſſay, and go to Rouen, and from thence to Havre, where the ſhip is getting ready that is to carry him to America."

The following is ſaid to be the cauſe of a ſloop of war being ſtationed off Breſt harbour: A few months ago a report was pretty current that ſome ſhips of war were equipping at Breſt for the Eaſt-Indies, which government having information of, ſent to Paris to inquire the particulars. The anſwer to our Ambaſſador was, France is not going to ſend any ſhips to the Indies. The ſhips, however, continued equipping, and a freſh meſſage was ſent, which occaſioned an inquiry, "Where are the ſhips equipping at Breſt intended for?" No anſwer was given; the conſequence of this myſterious behaviour occaſions ſome jealouſy, and a ſloop now remains near Uſhant.

On Monday laſt Lord George Gordon went to ſeveral tradeſmen in the city, and particularly to ſeveral in Fleet-ſtreet, and adviſed them to ſhut up their ſhops next day.

Yeſterday Lord Derby roſe in the Houſe of Lords, and ſaid, that he was going to make a motion, in ſome degree of a perſonal nature, which he hoped their Lordſhips would excuſe, when they ſhould hear his reaſons. He had received a petition from Manchester againſt the Iriſh meaſures, ſigned by 120,000 perſons, the parchment was therefore ſo exuremely heavy and unwieldly, that he was abſolutely unable to lift it, he therefore ſhould move, that their Lordſhips ſhould be pleaſed to order one of their clerks to aſſiſt him in carrying it into the Houſe, and his motive for making ſuch a motion was, that it might remain on their journals, as a monument of the zeal of the people of Manchester, in oppoſing the dangerous meaſure now going to be adopted.

The Lord Chancellor informed the noble Lord, that his motion was uſeleſs, inaſmuch, without it the numbers of petitioners would be tranſmitted to poſterity, by the petition remaining on records of the Houſe; and as the noble Lord had made a perſonal motion, he ſhould therefore addreſs him perſonally, and requeſt him to withdraw his motion.

Lord Derby accordingly withdrew his motion, but was ſtill obliged to get the aſſiſtance of one of the clerks, who, together with his Lordſhip, with great difficulty, brought in the petition, and being unable to lift it on the table, were aſſiſted by the Lords Carliſle, Stormont, &c. &c. &c.

A petition of the tanners at Manchester; and alſo a petition of the clock-makers at Manchester, were preſented to the Houſe of Peers, read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Iriſh Commercial Propoſitions.

Extract of a letter from Vienna, June 1.

"We have account from Inſpruck, that an extraordinary phænomenon has happened in the country of Cloſter-Stein, which is attributed to the ſeverity of the winter; it is a ſort of peſtilential fog, which has ſpread over the fields: The young corn in the ſpring appeared more beautiful than could have been hoped, and promiſed an abundant harveſt, but the fog has deſtroyed every thing, and all we have to hope is, that it may not be communicated to other countries."

Extract of a letter from Dunkirk, June 7.

"An American ſhip, the Virginia Packet, Steane, from Maryland, is ſeized here for a contraband trade; and as is cuſtomary all the crew ſent to priſon. The American Miniſter will probably be favored with releaſe of the people, but ſhip and cargo are forfeited."

Extract of a letter from Oſtend, June 8.

"The two frigates fitted here are ordered for Gibraltar directly; and from thence to a cruiſe in the Mediterranean, to protect the Imperial flag. The Alexander, which is to be the Commodore, mounts 34 guns, including eight carronades, and is commanded by Pierre Guſtavus Delleck; all the other officers are Engliſh, Scotch, or Iriſh, as are the crew generally. They are to be joined at Gibraltar by two other ſhips."

By accounts from Yorkſhire we learn, that larger orders are received at different ports for the woollen manufactory of that country, than have been known for years paſt; on this account it is ſuppoſed all ſorts of fine wool will be much higher than they have been, and the ſtock in the makers hands is ſo ſmall, that it is conjectured the whole will be conſumed before new wool can be obtained. Had not a large quantity of Spaniſh wool been brought into this kingdom within theſe few months paſt, the foreign orders could not have been executed.

By the laws of Lycurgus, celibacy in men was held infamous, and puniſhed in an extraordinary manner. The bachelor was conſtrained to walk naked in the depth of winter through the market-place, and to ſing a ſong in diſparagement of himſelf, and never had any of the honors paid him which otherwiſe belonged to old age. If a man did not marry at the time of life fixed for marriage, he was liable to an action.

By the laws of Solon, the giving of portions in marriage with young women was totally aboliſhed, unleſs they were only daughters; and Solon further ordained, that the bride ſhould carry no other fortune to her huſband than three ſuits of clothes, and ſome few houſehold goods of little value. His ſaying was, that marriage ought not to be a mercenary buſineſs.

Formerly there was a tax in England upon widowers, which was repealed at the revolution.

The Emperor has lately publiſhed a law, which it would be worthy of the wiſdom of the Britiſh legiſlature to adopt: It declares that in future no clergymen ſhall hold two benefices to which cure of ſouls is annexed, becauſe it is impoſſible that they ſhould duly attend to the duties of one without neglecting the functions of the other; and ſo ſtrictly is the law to be obſerved, that it is to extend even to Biſhops and Prebendaries of the metropolitan churches, ſo that thoſe who had hitherto been permitted to hold ſeveral rectories which were ſerved by curates, muſt now reſign them all but one. Were this law to take place in England, how many fat pluraliſts would become thinner; and how many half-ſtarved curates turn rectors, and gather fleſh?

CHARLESTON, July 21.

The riches diſcovered at Senora, in New-Andaluſia, in South-America, are immenſe. One gold mine has been diſcovered within twelve leagues of the preſidency del Alter, where from fourteen pits at the depth only of two feet, with very little labor, vaſt quantities of grains of gold have been found. Two other mines equally rich, have been diſcovered in the neighbourhood.

PORTSMOUTH, (N. H.) July 20.

We hear, that a few days ago, the lightning entered a ſchool-houſe at the ſouthward, by which a number of ſcholars loſt their lives, and many more were much hurt. Ought not parents to intereſt themſelves ſo much for the ſafety of their offspring, as to have metallic conductors to all ſchool-houſes?

July 29. The Newbury paper informs, that on Friday the 22d inſtant, as a boy about ſeven years old, ſon of Mr. David Graves, of Southampton, was returning home from ſchool, juſt as he was entering the door of his father's houſe, he was ſtruck dead by a flaſh of lightning.

SPRINGFIELD, July 12.

The Legiſlature of the State of Vermont, at their laſt ſeſſion paſſed an act, granting to Reuben Hamon, jun. Eſq; a right of coining copper, and regulating the ſame.

NEW-YORK, Auguſt 5.

In the cheſt of a miſer, in the northern diſtrict of this State, lately deceaſed, was a ſmall parcel directed to his heir, which, when opened, was found to contain the following words fairly written:—'*Farthings* are the ſeeds of guineas, growing by gentle gradations into pence, ſhillings, pounds, thouſands, tens of thouſands, and millions:—They are the *ſemina* of wealth, and may be compared to *ſeconds* of time, which generate years, centuries, and even eternity itſelf.'

PHILADELPHIA, Auguſt 4.

Extract of a letter from Roſeau, in Dominica, dated July 2.

"On Thurſday laſt, about 8 o'clock in the morning, after a few days of very heavy rain, particularly in the mountains, the water accumulated in ſuch a body, that the river Roſeau came down ſuddenly in ſuch a torrent, as threatened deſtruction to all the lower part of the town; it roſe in the courſe of 20 minutes to the height of 15 feet above its uſual run, waſhed away many ſmall houſes, and conſiderably damaged ſome large ones; luckily there were no lives loſt, but many of the inhabitants have ſuffered by ſugars and dry goods in their cellars being under water, to the amount of ſeveral thouſand pounds, and had not the rain ceaſed at that time, which cauſed the water ſuddenly to fall, the deſtruction muſt have been great, and ſome hundreds drowned, as great part of the town was ſurrounded, and all communication cut off from it; had it happened in the night, many muſt have periſhed in attempting their eſcape."

Extract of a letter from St. John's, Antigua, dated July 13.

"On Monday morning laſt, exactly at 3 o'clock, we were alarmed with a tremulous motion of the earth, which continued increaſing in its violence for near the ſpace of a minute, when there was the moſt tremendous concuſſion of the earth ever remembered in this iſland. It filled every ſoul with conſternation and terror, and died away in leſſening, but ſenſibly felt vibrations for ſeveral ſeconds of time. We have not yet heard of any material hurt done by this terrific viſitation here."

AUGUST 6.

Extract of a letter from Cadiz, April 29.

"The grand armament, deſtined to go againſt Algiers, cannot be completed until the latter end of July, owing to the gun-boats and floating-batteries, which are preparing upon an entire new conſtruction; the principle upon which they are formed, is much ſuperior to any thing of the kind ever before invented. The ſhips of war are almoſt ready, and the tranſports will ſoon begin to take in ſtores and proviſions. A great number of fine pieces of artillery, ſome of which are of a ſurpriſing bore, are already ſhipped, as alſo a large quantity of camp equipage. It is not announced for certainty, who will take the command, but moſt probably either Comte O'Reilly, or Don Antonio Barcelo; however, moſt people think the former. A great many foreign officers of diſtinction, both for ſea and land, are arrived, and have permiſſion to go as volunteers; among the latter are ſome Americans of great military courage. The Portugueſe, with the powers who are to aſſiſt, have received poſitive orders to hold themſelves in readineſs, and to form a junction by the middle of July at fartheſt; which, when together, will make an armament of a prodigious force. Notwithſtanding this vaſt equipment, it is expected the Algerines will make a vigorous reſiſtance, it being well known that they have been ſtrengthening and augmenting their fortifications ever ſince the laſt bombardment; and that at preſent they are in a very formidable ſtate, and ſerved by an innumerable multitude of deſperate perſons."

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Waſhington, to his friend in this city.

"The executive of the State of Frankland has lately concluded a treaty of amity and perpetual

friendſhip with the Cherokee Indians, and a negociation is on foot to give that nation a repreſentation in the new legiſlation. The predatory excurſions of ſome weſtern tribes and the Creek Indians has lately given ſome alarms here, and in Kentucky, but it is to be hoped that the Commiſſioners of the United States will ſo conciliate thoſe tribes, during the ſummer, that a thorough peace will, before the end of the year, prevail on all our borders.

"I am happy to acquaint you, that the people of Kentucky have lately held a convention, and adopted decided meaſures for a ſeparation. They have named their new ſociety *the Commonwealth of Kentucky*; this will be an occaſion of another deputation to Congreſs next winter."

The London Univerſal Regiſter, of the 14th of June, has the following article;—

"See'ſt thou a man diligent in buſineſs (ſaid Solomon) he ſhall ſtand before princes and great men," &c.—A-la-mode John Adams, the American Plenipo—formerly, as is ſaid, a diſintereſted compoſer of differences, under the name of an attorney; but now laying his head together with Cabinet Miniſters, and holding familiar tete-a-tetes for the public welfare. What exquiſitely fine feelings muſt have pervaded royal and noble breaſts, on ſeeing a quondam declared rebel in an elevated independent ſtation? But the time is now come, when "the wolf ſhall dwell with the lamb, when the calf and the young lion, and the fatling ſhall herd together." It is whiſpered, that the celebrated Dr. Price is political father-confeſſor to the new Plenipo, and has already given him an abſolution."

BALTIMORE, Auguſt 12.

On Tueſday evening laſt arrived here, directly from China, the ſhip Pallas, commanded by its owner, Capt. O'Donnell—She has on board a moſt valuable cargo, conſiſting of an extenſive variety of teas, china, ſilks, ſatins, nankeens, &c. &c. We are extremely happy to find the commercial reputation of this town ſo far increaſed, as to attract the attention of gentlemen, who are engaged in carrying on this diſtant but beneficial trade. It is no unpleaſing ſight to ſee the crew of this ſhip, Chineſe, Malays, Japaneſe, and Moors, with a few Europeans, all habited according to the different countries to which they belong, and employed together as brethren; it is thus commerce binds and unites all the nations of the globe with a golden chain.

Auguſt 16. We are informed that the Aſſembly of the State of Georgia have generouſly offered the Connecticut line of the late Continental army, to locate their bounty lands within that State, with other benefits and privileges, on certain conditions.

ALEXANDRIA, Auguſt 18.

A large Barn, belonging to Mr. George Nixon near Leeſburg, was lately ſet on Fire by Lightning, which, with a large Quantity of Grain, was entirely conſumed.—The Loſs is ſaid to amount to 300l.

Laſt Week a laboring Man drank a large Quantity of Rum, and died in a ſhort Time afterwards.

A Correſpondent ſays, he is much ſurpriſed to ſee the Dancing-School, encouraged here for the Inſtruction of Children, ſo much crouded by grown Practitioners.——*Query*, Whether it would not be more prudent for *them* to employ the Maſter to teach in the Evenings, when their Awkwardneſs would be leſs conſpicuous?——

The Brig Marquis de la Fayette, Capt. Dunham, and Ship Hazard, Capt. New, from this Port, are arrived at Graveſend.

The Brig Betſey, Captain Perkins, from this Port, is arrived at Liverpool.

The Iris, Capt. Cole, from this Port, is arrived at Liſbon.

The York, Outram, and Betſey, Clarke, from Virginia, are arrived in the Engliſh Channel.

The Minerva, Capt. Bright, from London, is arrived in James River.

The Tweed, Captain Grame, from London, is arrived in Rappahannock.

Laſt Monday Evening the Brig Nancy, Captain Brown, arrived here in 23 Days from Port-au-Prince.—Captain Brown left the following Veſſels at that Port: Schooner Sally, Capt. Mitchemore, from Rhode-Iſland; Brig ——, Capt. Smith, from New-Haven; and Sloop ——, Capt. Baynes, from Wilmington.

DIED.] Dr. SHUBAEL PRATT, formerly of Connecticut.

—— At Providence, Rhode-Iſland, in the 79th Year of his Age, the Honorable STEPHEN HOPKINS, Eſq; formerly Governor of that State.

NAVAL-OFFICE, ALEXANDRIA.

Inward Entries. Sloop Hero, J. Humphries, and Schooner Greyhound, R. Thompſon, from Baltimore; Sloop Lark, S. Brown, Cape-Francois; Sloop Night Ramble, A. Etherige, and Sloop Goodluck, M. Everige, North-Carolina; Sloop Judith, S. Martin, Providence.

Cleared Outwards. Ship Fortune, T. Halden, for London; Sloop Hero, J. Humphries, Baltimore; Sloop Molly Beverly, W. Wade, St. Euſtatia.

Extracts from Mr. NECKAR'S *Obſervations on Finance.*

"IT is a juſt cauſe of ſurpriſe certainly, to find one nation in the actual habit of acquiring by its commerce, a credit ſuperior to one half the gold and ſilver which the reſt of Europe receives annually. On this view of the proſperity of France, one cannot forbear exclaiming, what can ſhe want more? Yet, in attending to a ſtate of the exportations and importations of the kingdom, one truth will appear whoſe conſequences cannot be a matter of indifference: It is, that the advantage of the exchange in favor of France, reſts on two great foundations; the exterior commerce of her manufactures, and the various articles imported from her iſlands.—It is known in general, but I doubt if Adminiſtration ever had the time, or inclination to collect juſt ideas on the ſubject.

The commerce of her manufactures, and importations from her iſlands, make up three fourths of the exportations of the kingdom.—The knowledge of this ought to alarm Government; for both the one and the other of theſe branches of trade, is ſubject to events.—The great vent of manufactures, though favored by the indefatigable induſtry of France, and the habit of other nations, is ſtill liable to unforſeen diminutions; the productions of workmanſhip do not reſemble the privileged gifts of the ſoil and climate.—Men may every where learn to do the ſame work—the different countries of Europe may all learn to manufacture themſelves, what at preſent they ſeek from foreigners: Or it may be the faſhion to do without thoſe things; or prohibitions may be more rigorous.—In ſhort, the induſtry which is nouriſhed and eſtabliſhed in the midſt of political liberty, and territorial fertility, will in time, make great progreſs in the vaſt republic formed on the American continent; and this new power will one day, in ſome manner, have her ſhare in furniſhing the Weſt-Indies, with commodities.—It belongs to the French Adminiſtration to watch over the ſources of the preſent national proſperity; and to be more uneaſy about treaties of commerce, and navigation, than the extenſion of the empire.

The United States will not come to Europe for the productions of a country, ſo near to them; and from the greater or leſs freedom of acceſs, we may one day be obliged to give them to our Colonies; who can pretend to aſſign the part they will have in the exchange, which enriches France? But I am averſe to entering deeply on points ſo nearly allied, at this moment, to political connections and treaties."

PRICES CURRENT, ALEXANDRIA.

TOBACCO 25s. per Ct.	Continental Rum, 2 s. per Ditto.
Fine Flour, 28 s. per Barrel.	Molaſſes, 1/8 per Ditto.
Wheat, 5s. per Buſhel.	Muſcovado Sugar, 35 s. to 42/6 per Ct.
Jamaica Spirits, 4/6 per Gallon.	Salt, 3s. per Buſhel, by Retail.
Windward Rum, 3 s. per Ditto.	Corn, 3s. per Buſhel.
	Exchange, 40.

PUBLIC VENDUE.

On Saturday the 20th Inſtant, will be Sold at the Vendue-Store,

A VARIETY of WET and DRY GOODS, conſiſting of Weſt-India and Continental rum, brandy, gin, ſugar, tea, chocolate, ſoap, candles, &c. Iriſh linens, calicoes, muſlins, cloths, gauzes, oſnaburgs, canvas, nankeens, and an aſſortment of jewelry.—Alſo, a likely Negro fellow and two young wenches, one of which has a fine child.

*** Likewiſe to be ſold, a number of LOTS ſituated in different parts of the town.

S. ARELL, Vendue-Maſter.

Alexandria, Auguſt 18, 1785.

SIX DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED away from the Subſcriber, living in Culpepper County near the Ridge, 6 miles from Snickers's-Gap, on the 8th of May laſt, a SORREL HORSE, about 13 hands 3 inches high, trots and gallops very well, has no brand, was ſhod before, has a narrow blaze in his face, and his mane and tail are mixed with white hairs.—Whoever ſecures the ſaid horſe, and gives information thereof, ſo that the owner may get him again, ſhall receive TWO DOLLARS, and if brought home the above reward and all reaſonable charges, paid by

JOHN COOK.

Auguſt 6, 1785.

THE Subſcriber has for ſale, an undivided moiety of a valuable TRACT of LAND, called Paradiſe, lying in Glouceſter County, in the State of Virginia, containing about 1200 acres.——Any perſon deſirous of purchaſing, may know the terms by applying to the Subſcriber at his ſeat on Potomack, in Charles County, Maryland, either perſonally or by letter.

RICHARD LEE.

July 19, 1785.

Mount-Vernon, Auguſt 15, 1785.

THE Subſcriber wants a HOUSE-KEEPER, or HOUSEHOLD STEWARD, who is competent to the charge of a large family, and attending on a good deal of company.—One who has been in the practice of theſe, and can produce teſtimonials of his (for a man would be preferred) or her abilities, ſobriety, honeſty and induſtry, will receive good wages and find a comfortable birth.—Without ſuch teſtimonials it will be uſeleſs to apply.

G. WASHINGTON.

D. and I. M'Pherſon,

Have for ſale on the moſt reaſonable terms, for caſh or country produce,

MADERA wine by the pipe, hogſhead and quarter-caſk, rum by the hogſhead and barrel, loaf and brown ſugar, rice, tar, pitch, turpentine, nails, train oil, ſail duck, cordage and a few groſs of bottles.

Alexandria, Auguſt 17, 1785.

Richard Conway,

HAS for ſale, Barbadoes Rum and Spirits by the Hogſhead, Muſcovado and clayed Sugar in Barrels, and Liſbon Wine in Quarter-Caſks.

Alexandria, Auguſt 3, 1785.

Alexandria Races.

ON Thurſday the 20th of October next, will be run for over the courſe near this Town, the ALEXANDRIA JOCKEY CLUB PURSE of ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS, free only for the Members of the Club, the beſt two in three four mile heats. Aged horſes carrying ten ſtone; ſix years old, nine ſtone four pounds; five years old, eight ſtone four pounds; four years old, ſeven ſtone ſix pounds; three years old, ſix ſtone ſix pounds.

On Friday the 21ſt, the JOCKEY CLUB purſe of FIFTY GUINEAS, by four and three years old, and free only for Members of the Club. Four years old, carrying ſeven ſtone ſix pounds; and three years old, ſix ſtone ſix pounds; the beſt two in three two mile heats. The horſes to ſtart preciſely at 12 o'clock each day. No horſe will be allowed to ſtart whoſe rider is not dreſſed in a ſilk jacket, jockey cap, and half boots. Judges are appointed who will determine all diſputes. The Members to dine together at Mr. LYLES's on the firſt day of the races.—Dinner to be on the table at 3 o'clock.

☞ This is to give notice, that the names of the members will certainly be publiſhed in this paper that do not pay up their arrears by the tenth day of October next.

Auguſt 18, 1785.

THE FALMOUTH RACES will commence on the fourth Monday in October next, free for any horſe, mare or gelding whatever. The firſt day's race for ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, four mile heats; and on Tueſday for FIFTY POUNDS, three mile heats. The weights and regulations to be agreeable to the Frederickſburg Jockey Club. And on Wedneſday a give and take purſe for THIRTY POUNDS.—Ten ſtone to be the ſtandard.

DANIEL TRIPLETT, Secretary and Treaſurer.

Falmouth, Auguſt 15, 1785.

Saliſbury, Auguſt 15, 1785.

A WHITE man, who called himſelf JOSEPH LODGE, came to my plantation on the 6th inſtant, when I was from home, and ſwopped a horſe with a ſlave of mine; and I have reaſon to believe the horſe he let my Negro have is a ſtolen one. He is a bay about 14 hands high, not more than 5 or 6 years old, ſlender made, has a large head, is very low in fleſh, branded on the near ſhoulder (thus ꝼ) and has a ſmall imperfect brand on his off buttock. Any perſon having a legal title to ſaid horſe, may have him by applying to the Subſcriber in one month from the date hereof, unavoidable accidents excepted. If no owner appears within that time I ſhall allow the preſent poſſeſſor to diſpoſe of him.

SAMUEL LOVE, jun.

TO BE SOLD,

A VERY valuable LOT on Pitt-ſtreet, in an advantageous part of this flouriſhing town, ſuitably ſituated for any kind of buſineſs, containing 22 feet 6 inches in front, and 123 feet back.—Terms may be known by applying to RICHARD CONWAY, Eſq;

Alexandria, Auguſt 18, 1785.

RAN away from the Subſcriber, living within 8 miles of Wincheſter, on the 8th inſtant, a Negro fellow named NED, about 5 feet 7 inches high, walks as though lame, turns his feet out very much, and is about 18 years of age: He had on and took with him a white coat, jacket and breeches, a ruffled ſhirt, a gray great coat, and baggage conſiſting of books, writing-paper, and ſundry old clothes.—He can read and write, and may attempt to forge a paſs.—Whoever will take up ſaid fellow and ſecure him ſo that his Maſter may get him again, ſhall receive, if taken within the County FOUR DOLLARS, and if out of the State FOURTEEN DOLLARS, and all reaſonable charges, paid by

Auguſt 9, 1785. JOSEPH HOLMES.

POETRY.

From the WEEKLY MAGAZINE.

Verses written on a Blank Leaf of POPE'S MORAL ESSAYS.

"A WIT's a feather, and a chief's a rod,
An honeſt man's the nobleſt work of God."
Thus ſinging the melodious bard retir'd,
His boſom with celeſtial viſion fir'd,
To yonder bleſt realms of tranquil love,
There laurel'd lies in amaranthine grove;
While to his lyre accords the voice of joy,
And love and rapture ev'ry hour employ.

To be LET, on Ground-Rent in Fee-Simple, to the higheſt Bidder, on Monday the 3d Day of October next,

One Hundred LOTS of Ground,

Contiguous to the Town of Alexandria, each lot containing half an acre, fronting on two ſtreets, on one 176 feet 6 inches, and on the other 123 feet 5 inches, ſome of which are water lots, and many of them fronting on a ſtreet 100 feet in width, leading from the extenſive wharf now building by Captain Harper and others into the country, interſecting Waſhington ſtreet, which is likewiſe 100 feet in width; at the interſection of the two ſtreets a ſpace is left for a Market-Houſe and other public buildings; the reſidue of the lots are adjoining the laſt mentioned lots, and the lots on the weſt ſide of Waſhington-ſtreet.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER,
WILLIAM GIBBONS STUART,
Executors of John Alexander, deceaſed.

July 26, 1785.

TO BE SOLD,

A LOT of GROUND at the corner of Wolf and Waſhington ſtreets, containing 22 feet front on Waſhington-ſtreet and 73 feet on Wolf-ſtreet.—Alſo, ſeven other Lots joining the above, with the ſame front on Waſhington-ſtreet and 73 feet deep, ſubject to an annual ground-rent of one dollar per foot.—As the purchaſe-money will be but ſmall, ready pay will be expected, when a deed ſhall be given the purchaſer with a ſpecial warranty.—The rent is not to begin till the 26th of October next; each lot to be improved with a dwelling-houſe in three years, otherwiſe the rent to be 10s. per foot inſtead of one dollar.—I have alſo ſeveral lots on Fairfax-ſtreet, near the corner of Gibbon-ſtreet, which I will rent on moderate terms to ſuch as can improve immediately.—A plan of the lots on Wolf-ſtreet may be ſeen at the Printing-Office.

WILLIAM HARTSHORNE.

Who has juſt received, New-England rum, molaſſes, raiſins in jars, and hollow iron ware, which will be ſold cheap for Caſh.

Alexandria, July 6, 1785.

Thomas M. Savage,

Has for ſale at his ſtore, next door to Colonel Fitzgerald's,

AN aſſortment of ſaleable GOODS, which he will ſell off at prime coſt and charges, for caſh, or tobacco at the market price.

☞ Alſo, porter, port wine, and a ſmall aſſortment of Iriſh linens, calamanco ſhoes, &c.

Alexandria, Auguſt 4, 1785.

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that a petition will be preſented by the Common Council of the Town of Alexandria to the next General Aſſembly, praying that an act may be paſſed for preſerving a perfect uniformity in the ſtreets of the ſaid town; and alſo, that the lands adjoining the ſaid town, comprehended within the limits of the plan prepared by Robert Adam and John Alliſon, Eſquires, bearing date the 27th day of laſt month, and now in the keeping of the Clerk of the ſaid Council for the public inſpection, may be improved and built upon in conformity to the before-mentioned plan, whenever the proprietors or any of them ſhall be inclined to improve and to build upon the ſame, or any part thereof.

Alexandria, Auguſt 4, 1785.

FOR SALE,

A VERY valuable LOT, 20 feet front by 60 in depth, ſubject to a ſmall Ground-Rent, advantageouſly ſituated on Fairfax-ſtreet, on which is a ſmall convenient Store, now occupied by Meſſieurs PORTER and INGRAHAM.—For terms apply to Col. WILLIAM LYLES.

Alexandria, Auguſt 11, 1785.

To be ſold at Public Vendue, in fee-ſimple, on the premiſes, on Tueſday the 20th of September next,

TWENTY-EIGHT LOTS, in the Town of Alexandria, late the property of THOMAS KIRKPATRICK, deceaſed, viz. one fronting on Water-ſtreet 60 feet by 123 feet 5 inches, on which is a large two-ſtory BRICK HOUSE with three rooms on a floor, and a good cellar and kitchen under the houſe.—One fronting Queen-ſtreet 40 feet by 116 feet 6½ inches, with a good STORE, counting-room, cellar and kitchen.—One adjoining the above 36 feet front on Queen-ſtreet by 116 feet 6½ inches, with a large WAREHOUSE the whole length of the front, now occupied in two tenements.—One fronting on Royal-ſtreet 27 feet 6½ inches by 99 feet 5 inches, on which is a neat framed HOUSE 20 by 16 feet, with two rooms on a floor and a good kitchen.—The remaining 24 unimproved LOTS front on ſeveral of the moſt principal ſtreets in town, and are conveniently laid out ſo as to ſuit the purchaſers.——Terms are, one-third of the purchaſe-money to be paid in ſix months, one-third in twelve months, and the other in eighteen months from the day of ſale.—A plan of the whole may be ſeen by applying to JOHN ALLISON.—Bond and approved ſecurity will be required, and at the laſt payment, ſufficient deeds will be given by

ALEXANDER HENDERSON,
ROBERT ADAM,
JOHN MUIR,
ROBERT M'CREA,
JOHN GIBSON,
WILLIAM HUNTER, jun.
} Executors.

Alexandria, Auguſt 2, 1785.

On the 20th day of September next if fair, if not the next fair day, will be SOLD on the Premiſes,

A Valuable TRACT of LAND, lying in Stafford County, Virginia, well watered and abounding with good timber. The ſouth bounds of the Land are within 12 miles of Fredericksburg, and the north bounds about 5 miles from Dumfries, both conſiderable and growing towns. The eaſt bounds are about one mile from Aquia Warehouſe, and croſſes Aquia-Run at the fork, where the north and ſouth branches divide, each extending weſtward through the whole Land, and will furniſh ſeveral valuable mills ſeats. At the fork of the two branches on the eaſtern bounds, and where both may be included, there is a remarkable convenient ſeat with abundance of water for a large merchant-mill and ſaw-mill, with plenty of ſtone for building, and heights to erect mills of any conſtruction. Adjoining to this ſeat are upwards of 1000 acres of uncleared Land, abounding with timber proper for a ſaw-mill, ſuch as large white oak and pine, of the latter many large enough for ſhips lower maſts. The annual rents now on the Lands are upwards of 22,000 pounds of tobacco, and there are upwards of 4000 acres ſtill unſettled. It is a remarkable healthy place, and from its number of branches and ſmall natural meadows, affords good grazing for ſtock. The whole is laid off in 32 Lots, from 150 to 350 acres, for the conveniency of purchaſers. A draught may be ſeen, and the Land ſhewn, by an application to Col. BAILEY WASHINGTON, whoſe reſidence is adjoining.——The conditions and terms of ſale are as follow: The Lots to be ſold reſpectively at public ſale to the higheſt bidder, in ſterling money, or good London bills of exchange. Gold and ſilver will be taken at its value, and crop tobacco of 1000 pounds net, inſpected within the year, will be received in diſcount at ſuch price as may be agreed on. Deeds to be given with a general warranty. One third of the purchaſe-money to be paid down, one third in two years, and the other third in three years from the day of ſale, with legal intereſt to be paid annually. Bonds to be given with approved ſecurity, and if the annual intereſt, being demanded, is not paid within three months after it becomes due, the indulgence of credit ſhall be forfeited, and a ſuit may be commenced to recover both principal and intereſt. Any purchaſer making the ſecond and third payments, or any part of either on the day of ſale, will be allowed a diſcount of 10 per cent. on ſuch ſum. Any perſon or perſons inclinable to purchaſe the whole before the day of ſale, ſhall have it at a moderate price on paying down one half the purchaſe-money, and giving bond on intereſt with approved ſecurity, conditioned as above, for payment of the other half within five years from the time of ſale.

WILLIAM FITZHUGH.

May 30, 1785.

THE Subſcriber has for ſale, SEVEN LOTS of GROUND, ſituated on Queen and Waſhington ſtreets, four of them are 20 feet front by 175 in depth, and three of 23 feet front and 83 feet deep.—A plan of them may be ſeen by applying to JOHN BRYCE, on Harper's wharf.

Alexandria, Auguſt 8, 1785.

☞ A great Variety of BLANKS, printed on good Paper, may be had at the Printing-Office.

☞ BROADCLOTHS.

Jonathan Swift and Co.

Have for ſale at their ſtore on Capt. Harper's wharf,

A General aſſortment of the moſt faſhionable coloured broadcloths both fine and coarſe, which they will diſpoſe of for the ſterling coſt and charges, which were ſelected from the firſt manufactories in England, and are as low charged as any ever imported.—Alſo, a general aſſortment of DRY GOODS, ſuitable for the ſeaſon, which they will diſpoſe of at a very moderate advance for caſh, bills, produce, or ſhort credit with ſecurity.—They have on hand excellent London porter in ſmall hampers; New-England rum, chocolate, pimento, hyſon, ſouchong and bohea teas in cheſts and ½ cheſts.

*** They have juſt received a conſignment of a few hogſheads of good MOLASSES, which they will diſpoſe of cheap for caſh.

☞ They diſcount 2½ per cent. for ready-money as uſual.

Alexandria, Auguſt 4, 1785.

☞ Goods at Coſt and Charges.

HAVING come to the final determination to decline the retail of goods, and having on hand a pretty general aſſortment, conſiſting of the following articles, viz. ſuperfine and coarſe broadcloths, coatings, linſeys, baizes, ſhalloons, rattinets, calamancoes, ſtuffs, moreens, camblets, calicoes, chintzes, Iriſh linens, dimities, fuſtians, corduroys, king's cords, velvets, Marſeilles quilting, princes ſtuff, black laſtings, modes, ſatins, luſtrings, ſewing ſilk, threads, ſilk, thread and worſted ſtockings, buttons, buckram, twiſt, mohair, a good aſſortment of cutlery, an aſſortment of hardware, an aſſortment of ſaddlery, mens' leather ſhoes, womens' calamanco ditto, tin-ware, queens' ware, gauze, lawn, muſlin, linen and cambrick handkerchiefs, paper, ſlates, gloves, ſtays, gunpowder, ſhot, teas, tea-kettles, ſtone jugs, iron pots, hoes, axes, hats, ſervants velvet and leather caps, japanned waiters, &c. &c.—Any perſon inclinable to take the whole, by making the payments agreeable, ſhall have them on ſatisfactory terms.—I have alſo for ſale, two handſome black HORSES, which will anſwer very well for a match, with a Philadelphia made dray nearly new, a cart and harneſs, all well fitted.

HENRY LYLES.

Alexandria, Auguſt 4, 1785.

POTOMACK COMPANY.

THE Directors of the Potomack Company obſerving by the liſts handed them, that ſome of the Subſcribers have not paid the firſt dividend of 5 per cent. (required to be paid the 15th ult.) requeſt *thoſe* gentlemen will immediately forward the ſame to me.—The dividend was laid as low as the nature of the buſineſs would permit, in order that the burden may be equal on the Subſcribers, therefore a diſappointment in receiving a part of the 5 per cent. may be attended with diſagreeable conſequences, as proviſion is now made for beginning to clear the navigation above the Great-Falls, and workmen are hired and hiring every day for that purpoſe.—The States of Virginia and Maryland, alſo many of the firſt characters in each, have forwarded their dividends to me, therefore I hope to be excuſed making perſonal application to ſuch as have not paid.

WILLIAM HARTSHORNE, Treaſurer.

Alexandria, Auguſt 2, 1785.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away on Thurſday night the 28th ult. an indented Iriſh ſervant man, named PATRICK GOGHERTY, about 5 feet 5 inches high, about 27 years of age, is hard of hearing, of a dark complexion, much pitted with the ſmall-pox, round ſhouldered and rather clumſy: He had on and took with him, a round felt hat with a braſs buckle in it, a blue ſurtout, a dark green coat without buttons or button-holes, a pair of corduroy breeches, a pair of black velvet and a pair of fuſtian ditto, a fuſtian waiſtcoat, three check and two white ſhirts, and two pair of ſhoes, with a pair of ſteel plated buckles.—He was ſeen laſt Friday going towards Leeſburg.—Any perſon ſecuring ſaid ſervant ſo that his Maſter may get him again, ſhall receive the above reward and all reaſonable charges paid, by applying to

MICHAEL MADDEN.

Alexandria, Auguſt 2, 1785.

To be ſold, at the Printing-Office,

A Variety of Blank Books, conſiſting of Ledgers, Journals, Caſh-Books, Letter-Books, &c. &c. Alſo, Stoughton's Bitters, Anderſon's Pills, Daffy's Elixir, Balſam of Honey, Squire's Elixir, Bateman's Drops, Godfrey's Cordial, &c. &c. &c.

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